

TRIBUTE TO CHRISTINE AND STAN
PENTON

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Mr. SCHAFFER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Christine and Stan Penton, founders of a remarkable program for disabled individuals. The Pegasus Program helps people overcome disabilities through hippotherapy (therapy through

horses). They recently held a ground breaking for a new facility at Normandy Farms and Stables in Littleton, Colorado. I was heartened to learn about the new home for the Pegasus Program for handicapped riders, particularly after working hard to pass a law which directs a study on ways to improve disabled access to outdoor recreation on public lands.

The Pegasus Program is indeed intriguing. I commend Mr. and Mrs. Penton for their creativity and for their innovative approach to bettering the lives of the disabled. The Pegasus Program, however, benefits more than just the disabled. They use wild horses trained

by inmates at the Canon City correctional facility. Because wild horses have no natural predators, they tend to overpopulate and overgraze public lands. Sadly, these symbols of the American West out-compete wildlife, and eventually themselves. What a unique opportunity through the Pegasus Program to help wild horses, give prison inmates constructive and rewarding work, and help the disabled overcome their physical limitations. With heartfelt pride, I thank Mr. and Mrs. Penton for their work.